

**Island County Board of Health  
Regular Meeting - Monday, November 21, 2011  
Minutes**

**DUE TO THE UNAVAILABILITY OF RECORDING EQUIPMENT FOR TODAY'S MEETING, MINUTES ARE IN HARD COPY FORMAT ONLY. THERE IS NO AUDIO RECORDING OF THIS MEETING.**

**Members Present:** Commissioners: Helen Price Johnson, Angie Homola, and Kelly Emerson; Captain Susan Lichtenstein, MSC, USN, Ex-Officio Member; and, Roger S. Case, MD, Executive Secretary to the Board.

**Members Absent:** Anne Tarrant, Whidbey General Hospital Commissioner; Jim Slowik, Mayor of Oak Harbor.

**Call to Order:** Chair Helen Price Johnson called this Regular Meeting of the Island County Board of Health to order at 1:20 p.m.

**Additions or Changes to the Agenda:** There were no requests for additions or changes to the agenda.

**Approval of Minutes:** The Chair called for the approval of the minutes of the October 17, 2011 Regular Meeting. Commissioner Homola moved for approval. Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**Public Input or Comments:** The Chair invited members of the public who wished to provide input or make comments to indicate their wish to do so. There were no requests to comment.

**Appointment of 2012 Board of Health Chair:** Commissioner Price Johnson indicated she was willing to serve as Chair again next year. Commissioner Homola asked if Commissioner Emerson would like to serve as Chair. Commissioner Emerson indicated that she was not interested in serving as Chair. Commissioner Homola expressed a willingness to serve as Chair. Commissioner Price Johnson moved to appoint Commissioner Homola as the 2012 Board of Health Chair. Commissioner Homola seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Community Health Advisory Board (CHAB) Nominations:** Keith Higman, Health Services Director, introduced the names of two nominations to the Community Health Advisory Board (CHAB): Gregory Wisont, PhD and Cary Anderson. He advised the Board that both individuals will be wonderful additions to the CHAB with both having nutrition and chronic disease education and experience. Both have been attending CHAB meetings and Mr. Higman highly recommends their appointment. Commissioner Homola moved to nominate Gregory Wisont and Cary Anderson to the CHAB, each with a three-year term. Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**Presentation – 2010 Island County Youth Health:** Keith Higman explained to the Board that all four Whidbey Island school districts participate in survey which provides a significant data source for the health of Island County youth. Mr. Higman introduced Carrie McLachlan, Island County Public Health Assessment & Community Development Supervisor, lead for composing the questions and oversight for conducting the survey, and Allison Johnston, Island County Human Services substance abuse prevention lead. Ms. McLachlan and Ms. Johnston presented the survey findings to the Board. Ms. McLachlan noted that Island County's Healthy Youth Survey data is combined with national data, such as the Census, and state Department of Health data, to form a picture of youth health. The survey looked at many health, mental health and behavior risk factors which are strongly associated with academic risk. Amongst many findings, the data notes a changing family structure which is reflected by 27.3% households with individuals under 18 living in the house. Between 49-56% of Island County youth are in families where someone has served in the military and are 10.6% of families with children under 18 living in poverty.

**Contracts:** Keith Higman presented contracts to the Board for their consideration:

1. Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department – On-Line Food Worker Training  
Contract No. 1059-16  
Contract Amount:       \$       -0-

Commissioner Homola moved that contract be approved as presented. Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

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2. Department of Health – 2007-2011 Consolidated Contract

Contract No. C14949, Amendment No. 33

Contract Amount: \$ 3,927,873

Amendment Amount: \$ 37,707

Commissioner Homola moved that contract be approved as presented. Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

3. WA State Health Care Authority – Medicaid Administrative Match

Contract No. 1163-35240

Contract Amount: \$ Fee for service

Commissioner Homola moved that contract be approved as presented. Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

4. Group Health Cooperative – Medical Services

Contract No. HD-14-11

Contract Amount: \$ Fee for service

Commissioner Homola moved that contract be approved as presented. Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**Legislative Updates:** Keith Higman told the Board that the Governor's supplemental budget was released today with a Special Session to begin on November 28<sup>th</sup> to collectively decide on the budget for the remainder of the biennium. Temporary good news for the Health Department was that '5930' funding for Public Health was protected in the Governor's proposal, although the proposal still includes many reductions which would impact Public Health. Jackie Henderson, Human Services Director, was in the audience and commented that proposed reductions will continue to erode or eliminate the delivery of many Human Services' programs.

**Health Department Report:** Keith Higman introduced and welcomed new Environmental Health staff person, Helena Hennighausen. Helena is taking over the position that works in the solid waste program. He advised that the advertising for the Hydrogeology position closed today and that the Health Department has been successful in obtaining a small grant to do a community health assessment. This will help to move Island County forward in commitment for accreditation.

**Adjourn:** There being no further business before the Board, Chair Price Johnson adjourned the meeting at 2:37 p.m. The next meeting of the Board of Health will be a Regular Meeting held on December 19, 2011 at 1:15 p.m. in the Commissioner's Hearing Room (B102) in the Court House Annex Building.

Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_  
Roger S. Case, MD  
Executive Secretary to the Board

Minutes approved this 19th day of December 2011  
ISLAND COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

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Helen Price Johnson, Board Chair